Production of pulses

570. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of pulses during the years 1987, 1988 and so far in 1989;

(b) what steps are being taken to boost their production;

(c) whether Government propose to import pulses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The total production of pulses in the country during 1987-88 and 1988-89 is estimated to be 11.0 and about 14 million tonnes respectively. The corresponding estimates for 1989-90 have not yet become due from the States.

(b) The steps being taken to increase the production of pulses include bringing additional area under pulses with irrigated farming, introduction of short-duration varieties, double/multiple cropping, inter-cropping, increased use of inputs like improved seeds and fertilizers, plant protection measures etc.

The above strategy is supported by two programmes i.e. National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) and Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP)

(c) and (d) The import of pulses is under Open General Licence (OGL). All eligible importers are required to register their contracts with the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation Limited (NAFED). The contracts registered with NAFED for the import of pulses during the period April to November 1989 amount to 3.65 lakh tonnes.

Number of drug addiction cure centres in the country

571. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of drug addicts cured in different parts of the country so far during the current year; and

(b) what is the number of de-addiction centres opened in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) 24 de-addiction-86 counselling centres had been set up in different parts of the country until the end of March 1989. As per the information available with us during 1988-89 through these centres a total of 6721 drug addicts were detoxified. Besides, during last year approximately 1000 addicts were also provided treatment through deaddiction camps.

(b) During the current financial year 6 de-addiction centres have been sanctioned for treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts.

Urban Rozgar Yojana

572. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an urban Areas Rozgar Yojana has been under consideration of Government for the urban poor, like the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana for the rural poor; if so, since when and what are its main features; and

(b) how does it compare and contrast with the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Nehru Rozgar Yojana which aims at providing employment to the Urban unemployed and underemployed was launched by the Government of India in October, 1989.

The Nehru Rozgar Yojana has three components: